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EL PASO FIRE DEPARTMENT

The El Paso Fire Department's focus is to prevent the loss of life and property from the effects of fire or other emergency and to render such public assistance as may be determined by the Fire Chief or higher authority. This is accomplished through fire suppression efforts, rescue activities, emergency medical services, hazardous material control measures and a multitude of public service efforts.

The department currently protects 251.1 square miles with its 31 fire stations and responds to over 63,000 incidents each year.

The department's first line apparatus includes 30 Pumper Companies, 8 Quints, 4 Ladder companies, 6 Battalion Units, 20 Rescues (ambulances), and 1 HazMat Unit.

The Fire Department was recently rated by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) and earned a Public Protection Classification of 1.

ISO rates a community on its Fire Protection capabilities including response, apparatus, equipment and training. It also focuses on 911 Communications and call handling, and finally, it rates the water distribution system in regards to quantity and quality of service and pressure. More than 42,000 communities are rated nationwide by the ISO and El Paso is one of only 43 cities that have achieved this success. The class 1 shows the dedication Fire personnel have shown in regards to ensuring the citizens of El Paso have the best department possible.

DIVISIONS / CORE SERVICES:

- Emergency Operations
- Administration
- Special Operations
- Airport Operations
- Training
- Fire Prevention
- Standards
- Communications
- Emergency Management
- Planning
- Maintenance / Logistics
- Safety
- Records Management

ACHIEVEMENTS FY05

In keeping with its mission, the Fire Department has strived towards great achievements during FY05.

- Eighteen new Type 1 F450 ambulances were placed in service this year. Capital cost was \$2.2 million.
- Steps to make large capital acquisitions were taken this year with eleven pumpers, one rescue pumper and one 100 ft. platform aerial being ordered to better serve the community. Total capital cost is \$7.1 million.
- Communications continues to prepare for the move into the new 911 center. This \$8 million project funded through the 911 District is scheduled for completion in January of 2006. The 911 center answers over 350,000 calls per year.
- Programmed construction projects funded through the 2004 Bond are near completion:
 - Renovation of Station 18 is currently going through final inspections and is near completion
 - Station 33 on Belfry Park and Nolan Richardson is scheduled for completion in early 2006
 - Station 35 is scheduled for completion in July of 2006
 - Station 34 is scheduled for completion in September of 2006

